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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND PRESIDENT FORD

REF: STATE 17742; LUSAKA 155

1. IN PREPARATION FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH  
ZAMBIA'S PRESIDENTS' MEETING, WOULD APPRECIATE  
PRIORITY RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

A. WILL BLAIR HOUSE BE AVAILABLE TO PRESIDENT  
AND HIS PARTY DURING PERIOD THEY IN WASHINGTON?  
STRONGLY URGE OFFER OF BLAIR HOUSE BE MADE IF  
IT FITS IN WITH PATTERN OF USE FOR THIS FACILITY; IT  
WOULD HAVE HIGHLY FAVORABLE EFFECT ON ZAMBIA'S.  
IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, WHAT WOULD BE ALTERNATIVES?

B. WHAT MEETINGS OTHER THAN  
WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD KAUNDA EXPECT TO HAVE WHILE IN  
WASHINGTON? FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD KAUNDA HAVE SOME TIME  
WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OR WITH THE SECRETARY? WOULD  
THEY OR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BE LIKELY GUESTS AT WHITE  
HOUSE DINNER?

C. WHAT ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR KK ADDRESSING  
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, MAKING APPEARANCE ON NATIONALLY  
TELEVISED INTERVIEW BROADCAST LIKE MEET THE PRESS,  
OR SPEAKING BEFORE DISTINGUISHED BUT SMALLER  
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AUDIENCE SUCH AS WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON FOREIGN  
RELATIONS? WE DO NOT KNOW IF ZAMBIA'S INTERESTED

GIVING PRESIDENT SUCH PUBLIC EXPOSURE BUT WOULD LIKE  
BE ABLE TO RESPOND IN POSITIVE AND HELPFUL MANNER  
SHOULD THEY SUGGEST IT.

D. HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD KAUNDA EXPECT TO  
HAVE WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT THEIR MEETING?

E. KAUNDA MAY WISH RECIPROCATE FOR PRESIDENT  
FORD'S DINNER, IF TIME PERMITS. SHOULD THIS BE  
DISCOURAGED?

2. RECOGNIZE IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE GIVE PRECISE REPLIES  
TO SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE  
ENOUGH INFORMATION BASED ON ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES TO  
ENABLE ME PROVIDE GENERAL PICTURE OF WHAT KAUNDA AND PARTY  
SHOULD EXPECT.

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